

February 14, 2020

## **STUDENT CONTEST ON THE RIGHT TO VOTE**

### **\$1000 AWARDS FOR WINNERS**

### **WINNERS MEET CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT JUSTICES**

### **ENTRY DEADLINE: APRIL 9, 2020**

Dear High School Principal and High School Guidance Counselor/Teacher:

We cordially invite your students to participate in the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society's Law Day celebration and competition. This year's Law Day theme commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and the women's right to vote and again has cash prizes of \$1,000 for each of the winners.

As stated by the American Bar Association: "The 2020 Law Day theme is 'Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100.' In 2019-2020, the United States is commemorating the centennial of the transformative constitutional amendment that guaranteed the right of citizens to vote would not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex. American women fought for, and won, the vote through their voice and action." For more information on the Law Day theme, please see the following website:  
[https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public\\_education/law-day/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/law-day/).

Building on this theme, the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society's Law Day competition focuses on the following question:

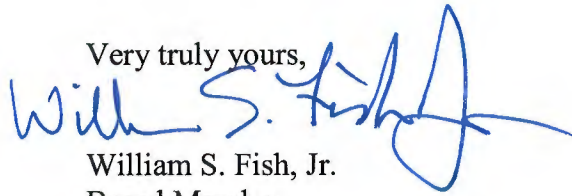
One hundred years after the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, what obstacles still remain for citizens seeking to exercise their right to vote, and how do we surmount them?

We invite your students to submit either (i) an essay or (ii) an art piece responding to this question to be entered in the Law Day contest. The deadline for submissions is April 9, 2020. Winners will be recognized during the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society's Law Day Celebration on May 1, 2020. There will be one winner in each category as described in the contest rules, each of whom will receive a cash award of \$1,000. **If you could assist us by publicizing this information, we would greatly appreciate it.**

## Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society

The Law Day celebration takes place at the Connecticut Supreme Court, with the attendant formalities of a court proceeding in front of the Justices of the Connecticut Supreme Court. The winners will have an opportunity to present their art piece or recite their essay. There will be a reception following the award ceremony at which the attendees and their families will have an opportunity to meet personally with the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Connecticut Supreme Court.

We will be reserving seats for the award recipients and their classes and families in the Courtroom. We invite and encourage your school's participating members to attend the Law Day celebration.

Very truly yours,  
  
William S. Fish, Jr.  
Board Member

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Resources available at the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society's website:  
[www.jud.ct.gov/historicalsociety/](http://www.jud.ct.gov/historicalsociety/)

1. 2020 Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day: About the Contest
2. 2020 Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day: Official Contest Rules
3. 2020 Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day: Contest Entry Form

**Questions?** If you have any questions in relation to the contest, please contact:  
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